
ARENA REPORT

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IT'S A BOY!!!!!! "AR" would like to officially announce the entering of this world by Christopher Peter Lemieux. Mom and baby are doing super. Thanks already for your cards and phone calls. Sorry if I cut some of you short but it's been hectic. Lots of stuff to discuss so let's get going. In this issue you'll find a live WWF report from Daytona Beach. Rodney Leighton has his official debut column in this issue where he gives me Hell. Scott Hudson focuses on the World Wide taping which occurred last Tuesday night at Center Stage. Evan Ginzburg is joined this month by Gary Fishman in his "Piece of My Mind". Mike Terry will be sending his 2-cents express mail which doesn't seem economical to me. I'll review "Halloween Havoc" and we'll look at the recent Titan tapings from Indiana in "Ramblings". An assortment of letters round out this ish.

Next issue will be in three weeks dated 11/26. It will feature a live Clash report from Jacksonville. D.M. was so kind as to inform me that this will probably be the worst Clash ever. Thanks Dave. We'll review Survivors Series and the SNME that will take place that weekend. Rodney will return in his regular slot. And Marianne will take some time off the road to give us some notes. (Think she travels with Matt Brock?) Can't leave out Mr. Scott Hudson who will be wed on June 22 of next year. Congrats bud. Condolences to the future Mrs. Hope you still have time for your Journal dude.

On to business. As you know, the Arena Report 1990 Year End Issue will be coming out during the third week of December. I was going to make this part of the subscription package but I would have to take out more than three issues which would cause chaos here. Thus, the year end issue will cost \$3.00 each and will be mailed first class. Your looking at approximately 20 pages with contributions from Dave Meltzer, Steve Beverly, Klon, John Lanigan, Dan Reilly, and the entire staff of "AR". There is an order form enclosed in this issue and will be in the next issue as well. Deadline for all orders will be December 17th. We'll be back to a bi-weekly schedule come the new year and as of Jan.1, the cost of Arena Report will go up to \$1.00. Oh, oh, break out your piggy banks. So if you wish, you may extend your sub at the regular 75¢ per issue price through December 31st. All renewals, orders for the year ender, letters, and match reports may be sent to Ron Lemieux, 916 Sloewood Ct. Lake Mary, FL 32746. It has come to my attention that some people have had to pay 20¢ extra to get your issue from the post office. The scale at my post office always measures out at exactly 1 ounce so it should be fine. But if you do have a problem, send me the receipt and I'll forward your 20 cents. Sounds trivial but I'd rather have you know I'm aware of the problem and I do care. Let's hit the beach.

WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION
Sunday, November 4, 1990
Ocean Center
Daytona Beach, FL

Opening Match

Ron Garvin pinned Buddy Rose in 7:11. Rose brought his scale into the ring to prove that he only weighs 217 pds. After Garvin threw out his towel, he threatened the Playboy with throwing out Rose's T-shirt. Rose begged him not to since "It's the only one I've got." Funny stuff. Ronnie pushed Rose into the ropes but Buddy hung on and pointed to his empty head. Garvin came from behind and cradled him for the win. ½*

2nd Match

Dustin Rhodes used a bulldog to beat The Genius in 10:50. Good flurry by Dustin at the beginning. Looked good. Trimmed down a bit and looks like he now makes purchases at the Titan pharmacy. Poffo is an embarrassment to this sport. * $\frac{1}{2}$

3rd Match

Earthquake beat Tugboat with the quake in 6:50. Tugger attacked Quake before the bell. The heel obesity got caught in the ropes and the face obesity went after Jimmy Hart and Quake smacked him from behind to set up finisher. I am still in awe of these two getting pushed. -*

Main Event

Ted DiBiase beat Dusty Rhodes via DQ in 10:02. Both Virgil and Ted attacked Dusty. But Dust countered with a double clothesline, hand jive (his best move), and a double elbow. Good action in the beginning and end but rest holds sandwiched in between. Dusty is billed at 289 lbs. He and Buddy Rose should have a match with the loser having to get on the scale in front of officials. Dusty hit Ted with his million dollar K Mart belt for the DQ. **

5th Match

Saba Simba over Paul Diamond with the Roanoke Drop in 11:30. No reaction for Atlas whatsoever. Match was bad. Dud

Return Match

Barbarian pinned Tito Santana in 11:28. This was billed as a return from Orlando. But Barbie no showed that card and was replaced by Martel. Does that mean Barbarian was subbing for Martel here? Doesn't matter. I'm sure myself and a few of the local beach bunnies were the only ones who knew anyway, or even remembered. Barbie reversed a flying press from Tito for the win. Santana, what a loyal company man. *

Tag Team Match

The Rockers defeated Power & Glory in 12:45. Rockers didn't have the belts. (See "Ramblings") So I guess we'll hide it from the fans until Turkey Day weekend. Match didn't live up to billing. Rockers did the moves but Roma and Hercules wouldn't sell that hot. Marty had Roma in a small package but Herc reversed it. When Danny Davis made Herc leave, Shawn turned it back the way it was. Rockers took the win. * $\frac{1}{2}$

Notes

Attendance was 2,200 which isn't good but what is these days.....They had a stationary camera set up in the back of the arena that Jay Strongbow would turn on at the beginning of the matches. Maybe Vince wants to see how the boys are working on the road. Yeah, right.....On the way to the card, I listened to Jesse Ventura doing color on the Bucs-Bears game on the radio. He doesn't talk too much but when he does, he's very insightful and animated. Here's some banter. The Bears had a fourth and about a foot on the Bucs 26 yard line and they were going for it. Jesse- "Watch for a quarterback sneak." Sure enough, Harbaugh kept the ball and made the first down. Jesse- "Do I think like Mike Ditka or what?" Dan (other color guy)- "That scares me." The play by play man's name is Gene and it's funny to hear Jesse say it. You would think he's talking to Okerlund. He's a consummate pro. Very knowledgeable on the game of football.

Ramblings

The Rockers have won the WWF tag belts from the Hart Foundation. The match occurred at the Sat. Night Main Event tapings in Indianapolis on 10/29. The bout was two out of three falls and Bret Hart took the pin in at least the deciding fall and I did hear the other fall as well but I'm not positive on that one. It went over 40 minutes and heard it was very good. That will air the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend. Also for that show, Rick Martel beat Tito Santana who gave up to the Boston crab. Nick Volkoff was injured by Sgt. Slaughter and Gen. Adnon so Volkoff is history. Hack Duggan made the save which sets up their feud. I'll pass on that one thank you.....Other happenings at the tapings saw the debut of Al Blake better known as ex-con Vladimir Petrov. There goes my theory from last issue about Vince caring about his in ring product. Jonathon Holiday debuted as the "Manager of Champions". He manages the Black Demon (Jose Luis Rivera) and will manage Buddy Rose. Probably a comedy type thing where he'll manage guys that always lose. Demon is present for one of his interviews with Mean Gene and Holiday goes on about he searched all over until he found Demon in Ireland. Rivera then does an interview in Spanish. Funny stuff.....Ted DiBiase has a match with Koko Ware and at the end all the other team members join the fray.....Jim Brunzell found out he was no longer employed at the tapings. He got a booking sheet and saw his name wasn't on it and asked why not. He was told he no longer works for the company. What a way to find out.....Honkey Tonk Man has accepted the announcing job. Talk is if Vince can't get Jesse back, when Piper goes back to the ring fulltime, HTM will take the spot.....The big news in the NWA is that Stan Lane and Jim Cornette have quit. Not sure what their future plans are but don't look for Corny to be Titan bound. I'm told a bundle of money couldn't get him to go. So this Saturday's benefit bout with the Midnights vs. Terry Funk and Cactus Jack could be their last for at least six months which is when Bobby Eaton's contract runs out. Now the NWA should be forced to push Bobby as a single. At the tapings this past week, he came out during the Freebirds matches and cheered them on. What could be worse. Making him the third Freebird or using him like Buddy Landell? Would be equally stupid but look who we are talking about here.....The woman Scott Hudson talks about in his column that jumps Sting from the crowd was Peggy Lee Leather. It was part of the angle but Ole didn't tell many of his employees about it. So agent Ron West tried to have her thrown out of the building.....Poor Brad Armstrong. We were all excited about him getting that win over J.W. Storm and now we find out he'll get destroyed by Curtis Hughes at the Clash.... Speaking of the Clash, it looks like Jim Herd has found a new fad. Bring in as many new names for a one shot show as he can. Looks like Brian Lee will be in for one as he meets Zenk. My question: Who is this Magnum Force that he's bringing in to wrestle the Steiners? Could it be.....Clint Ea.. Nah.... Heard Vince was pissed about his boys hobknobbing with the NWA boys in Chicago last week. Doesn't want salary talk between the two going on..... Lots of talk going on about Wrestlemania. First heard it would be Warrior-Piper with Hogan-Mean Mark underneath. Now they're leaning to Hogan-Piper and Warrior defending against Savage or someone of that nature. But Roddy has a program skedded with Curt Hennig through March so who really knows at this point.....Have you seen Davey Boy Smith since he's returned? He's got a Don Muraco body. A pinhead on this huge mass. Lance Levine told me that in Chicago, he looked like if you brushed up against him he'd pop.....Speaking of Levine. He's just gotten out of jail and has started putting out Chokehold again. He charges a dollar per issue and can be reached at a new address since he's hiding out. It's 507 W. 43rd Place, Chicago, IL 60609. If you hurry, maybe you can catch his Havoc issue which he attended live. His live experiences are usually pseudo-wacko.....Greg Valentine has been added to that convention in Windsor Locks, CT this Saturday. I have a hard time believing he'll show up.....Demolition said to be history as of December 3rd. If that's the case, have the Roadies destroy The Rockers in 5 minutes to get them over as heels. Order form for Year Ender is on page 10. See you after the Clash

Bye.

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IT'S MY 2-CENTS

by Mike Terry

Halloween Havoc had its moments. There weren't many; in fact, there were very few. I do think the pre-event hype was excellent. It appeared to be overkill to those of us who faithfully view hours of NWA wrestling each week, but to reach the casual viewer, repetition is the key. On the other hand, the rehashes don't belong in Gordon Solie's NEWS segment. Certainly they can come up with 2 minutes of legitimate news each week. There's so much potential for the segment. Refocus it or discontinue it.....Cute idea dressing the announcers in costume. But where was Gary Michael Capetta's? Now don't say 'he was wearing one'.....There's just not a team in wrestling any more fluid and versatile than the Midnight Express. It's a team of three, since Jim Cornette is undeniably unequalled. They are the textbook wrestling tag team.

Verne Gagne's supply of prunes must have run out. Have you heard some of his comments over the past month? On Sgt. Slaughter: "The Sarge, maybe due to the age and weight problems, kind of abandoned his troops." To Lee Marshall on Baron Von Raschke: Verne: "The Baron looks a little elderly, would you say?" Lee: "The Baron is the elder statesman of that team.".....and how about Verne and Greg's cruise? Knowing Verne's promotional ethics, the luxurious ocean liner is probably a fishing trawler. And knowing his promotional track record, I'd make sure I kept the life jacket on.

I used to enjoy Superman comics and remember the Bizarro world--a planet supposedly on somewhat of a parallel plane to ours on which we all existed in decidedly different forms. It must have been Bizarro Lee Marshall who came up with this comment: "I was on the Arsenio Hall show about 2 months ago and just had the time of my life. I was on there with guys like M.C. Hammer, Young M.C., Bill Cosby...what a thrill it was." I assume he's imagining all this. Was he really on? Why?

Suggestion for the Power Hour: watch NFL Today. Get yourselves a slick set, pick a host and let him set up and cue to your various location segments. Special guests can appear on the set or be interviewed from another location. Suggestion for all the NWA shows: when the hosts do their standups in front of the cheering crowd, why not have the crowd look in the general direction of the camera shot. The crowd is supposed to be cheering the show and the hosts, right? Then why is the crowd always looking in another direction? Details, details.

I've read favorable comments about the interview with Curtis and Lisa Sliwa, but from my corner of the world, it was simply pointless.....I think the Nasty Boys is one heel team there won't ever be too many cheers for. They remind me of some of the classic heel teams of the 70's--you just don't like them because they remind you of the obnoxious bullies we all had to deal with in school.....why do some think it's inconsistent to give the State Patrol and Barry Horowitz a small push? I'll always remember the TV matches Bobo Brazil used to have. The jobbers always got over on him for a good share of the match before he made his comeback. One time I asked him about that and he replied, "When you do it that way and beat somebody, then you've beat somebody." Think about it.

I had the opportunity to spend considerable time with Superstar Billy Graham during his speaking engagement at the University of Toledo in September. I admit I questioned his motives. I suspected him of making a last ditch effort to make some bucks off the WWF. But I can tell you--the man is sincere. He's committed to spreading the word about the dangers of steroids to our nation's young people. He went out of this way on his own time to arrange meetings with the college football players and weight lifters and trainers. He also spent hours in interviews to get his message across. He's recovering well after surgery to fuse his right ankle. He faces similar surgery on both his left ankle and lower back. And who knows what else in the future? The audience was absolutely captivated by his message and a video showing him in his glory days in the ring (including a 1-2-3 on Gorilla Monsoon) and graphic shots of the deterioration of his bones and joints. He refuses to target specific individuals in his talk, but estimates that at least 90% of the WWF wrestlers are on the juice. He does accuse Vince McMahon of perpetuating the myth that bigger is better and points the finger at McMahon as the one individual who can and must make a gigantic difference before it's too late--both for Vince and for many others. Look for a nationwide tour in early 1991 with scheduled appearances on some of the big talk shows, possibly a book, and a few other tricks up his sleeve that may soon see the light of day.

Until next month, it's my 2-cents.

**A PIECE OF OUR MINDS BY EVAN GINZBURG
AND SPECIAL GUEST COLUMNIST GARY FISHMAN**

Since two heads are better than one (well maybe not in our case!), we thought we'd give you our views on today's "great" mat scene...

The NWA has a new strategy-instead of getting has-beens, they're getting guys who'll never amount to anything...It's always fun going to shows with "smart" fans- they sit and write down all the moves to report to their sheets- meanwhile they miss half of them and keep asking "what happened?"...Vince McMahon doesn't seem to understand that Tony Atlas looks scary enough without all that stuff on...In my opinion the Ultimate Warrior does the best retarded act in the business...And Kerry Von Erich is a close second...Renowned correspondent Dan Reilly says he's getting tired of wrestling- he's cut down to 37 bulletins a month....Am I mistaken or is Sid Vicious the first ex-ballet star to make it in the business since Rikki Starr?...One of the best bulletins around is Adam Horowitz's Between The Ropes- regularly receives Lance Levine's highest "recommendation"...He also has a great tape list featuring everything from Woody Woodpecker cartoons to Burger King commercials and the best of Boris Zukoff...In my opinion the 3 greatest masked wrestlers of all time are Mil Mascaras, The Spoiler and Kevin Von Erich (that is a mask isn't it?)...Ron Lemieux receives the official Terry Funk Dirty Yellow Egg Sucking Dog Award for not doing a piece for WT&N despite promising one since our arrival on the bulletin scene in the late 1950's...Imagine that when Evan comes up with pieces of this caliber for AR each month. Doesn't Ron realize that work such as this that drips with metaphor and explores the human condition is not easy to come by? Hell, some of Evan's writing is even coherent and darn-near semi-entertaining...Anyway, you can order the Lemieux-less Wrestling- Then & Now from PO Box 471 Oakland Gardens Station Flushing, NY 11364 (\$1.25 sample/\$12 year)...Oh yeah, Ron did send **one** measly letter to WT&N praising his wife, but we all realized it was just a sad attempt on his part to preserve his marriage after shlepping the 11 month pregnant Cheryl to 237 miserable WWF matches...Is there any truth to the rumor that Ron originally insisted that the baby be called Dino Bravo Lemieux?...Evan wants to thank Marianne Ryan for writing but he lost her address. He's also hoping that Marianne can use her connections and finally get him Brett Hart's autograph since he's supposedly such a wonderful guy and only turned him down all three times he asked ("Catch me after the show, pal...")...Maybe she can also invite us to the next Sean Michaels-Marty Janetty shoot...How come the 3 wrestlers we most enjoy seeing live, Terry Funk, Ric Flair & Abdullah The Butcher are according to some hardcores "Past their prime?" We'd rather watch these guys pop a crowd than any of the so-called young lions out there today. **Nobody** touches these guys as far as we're concerned (I know, I know...what about the Japanese? Well, we don't get to see those guys live so they don't count!!!)...It's hard to come up with line after line of brilliant repartee- next time we'll have to shorten the margins a little!...Oh yeah, Gary the legendary masked Fish-Man writes a regular column in WT&N where he makes a mockery of me, wrestling, his faltering marriage and everything else imaginable...Gary may move in with me & then we can really wreak some serious havoc throughout fandom (but first he has to finalize plans as to where he's dumping the Mrs.' body!...Any law officers out there, we're **just kidding**- note bold face for emphasis!!!)...Anyway, that about does it for this month. Let us know if you enjoy tag-team journalism and maybe we'll do it a bit more regularly...'till next time, gang...

SCOTT HUDSON'S.....

GEORGIA WRESTLING JOURNAL

YA' KNOW..MAMA SAYS IT BE'S DIS WAY SOMETIME! So you might as well enjoy the ninth issue of the Georgia Wrestling Journal. Hey, pass the Bactine...

GEORGIA ALL-STAR WRESTLING (10-28-90) TV TAPINGS FOR AIR THE WEEKENDS OF NOVEMBER 10 THROUGH NOVEMBER 24, 1990: 11-10-90: Abdullah The Butcher over Chris Regal..Jacko Victory over The Ragin' Cajun..The Blazers over The Assassin #4 & Black Assassin..Jimmy Powell & Festus over Billy Black & Mr. Wrestling..11-17-90: Gerald "Hot Rod" Finley over Mad Dog Joe..Ron Starr over Eddie Sweat..John Michaels over Jim Bryant..Steve Prichard & Steve Lawler over Randy Rose & Fabian..11-24-90: Abdullah The Butcher over Gerald "Hot Rod" Finley..Jacko Victory over The Black Assassin..Nick Busick over Ron Starr..NEWS AND NOTES: This group is running a very original angle involving former referee Ralph Lincoln. Lincoln turned to a heel ref on TV two weeks back and has been "suspended and (his) license to referee has been revoked". He is now managing "The Unholy Alliance" consisting of Abdullah The Butcher, Alladin, Joel Deaton, and Ron Starr while still wearing his referee outfit. He even enters the ring and joins the real referee in tolling the three count after one of his men uses a finisher..The Blazers are R.D. Swain and Ray Lloyd. Lloyd is a high school football coach and middle school teacher in Marietta..Big news should come soon from here (ATT:75)

NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE (10-30-90) TV TAPING FOR WORLD WIDE WRESTLING ONLY FOR AIR THE WEEKENDS OF NOVEMBER 10 THROUGH NOVEMBER 24, 1990: 11-10-90: Sid Vicious over Tug Taylor..The Steiners over Mark Kyle & Johnny Gill..Doom over Dave Diamond & Lee Peak..Tom Zenk over Barry Horowitz..The Juicer over Moondog Wrecks..Ricky Morton & Tommy Rich over Fabulous Freebirds..11-17-90:Doom over Mark White & Pablo Crenshaw..Big Cat (Curtis Hughes) over Keith Hart..Tom Zenk over Rip Rogers..The Steiners over Moondog Reeks & Buddy Landell..Fabulous Freebirds over The Unknown Jobbers..11-24-90: The Steiners over The State Patrol..Bobby Eaton over Keith Hart..Sting over Moondog Rex..Lex Luger over Joe Cazana..Ric Flair & Arn Anderson over Jeff Gamble & Greg Sawyer..NEWS AND NOTES: Tapings were held at The Center Stage..During the latter two shows, Sting comes to the ring upon the voice-only urging of The Black Scorpion. On the second show, a person wearing an old man mask and sitting in the second row jumps the rail and attacks Sting. Sting tears off the mask as well as the wrestling mask, however, the face was hidden. On the third show, Scorpion's voice interrupts the Sting-Rex match. Sting goes nuts trying to find the "Scorpions that are hidden everywhere". Just as it seems that no one in the front row is a hidden Scorpion, a female "fan" bolts from her seat and attacks Sting viciously until the security guards remove her. This is followed by an interview with NWA head of security Doug Dillenger who announces that he will now follow Sting around to prevent any of the hidden Scorpions from attacking Sting. This is all a lot better than you think. Damn effective..All three shows are really hot and with surprisingly heat packed angles. The heat is turned up quite a few degrees on the Steiners - Nasty Boys feud. They had a dark match which the Steiners won via DQ..More than one person has told me that the 2nd Sting at Halloweem Havoc '90 was Barry Windham. I'm still not convinced..Useless info: When the "old man" Scorpion jumps into the ring on the 11-17-90 show, he is sitting beside CNN on-air personality and definite Hot-Love-Babe-From-Hell Bobbi Batista..Reminds me, does any out there have Tessa's home number?...Later on (ATT: 600)

THE LAST WORD...

HEY, I'M INTERESTED! Please take a minute to drop me line and let me know what you think about the GEORGIA WRESTLING JOURNAL as well as any suggestions for improvement. This is your last chance! Write to..

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THE LEIGHTON MOVE

AAARRGGHHH!!!!!!

Not a very auspicious way to start off our association. Being, in J.D.McKay's words, overly prolific, I did up my first column and sent it in a couple of weeks early. So, what does our illustrious editor do? He does editor like things: THings like deciding it is an intro; cutting out a sentence and a few words (I didn't mind the sentence; I do wish he had of included the word girl, after the line about the 16 year old. Sort of casts aspersions on J.Z.'s morals; if such a thing is possible): shrinking the print and and uses it as an intro and tells me he wants the next one by 10/20. This I discover at about 6 p.m. on 10/15; which happens to be the night All American is on (wouldn't expect me to miss THAT, now, would you???) and also the night a hockey game is on, featuring my beloved Canadiens, who are on a two game losing streak (that's TWO games too damn many!!!) PLus, It likely won't get there in time, anyway.

What to do?

Well, here is a page; typed sans preparation; no research; just off the top of my head. Throw her in the box on the way to work.

I could tell you all about this latest idea of mine; in fact I planned to for next column. It's all Cheryl's fault (uh,oh, here I go, getting involved with the editor's wife again. Sigh!) See, I was reading a mid summer issue awhile ago, and there was mention of her attending some card or other. And, as I ate my lonely supper; I started thinking about this: This lady is 7 or 8 months pregnant and still going to cards; must be really dedicated. And, I started thinking about doing some sort of tribute to the ladies of the bulletin world; the wives; the writers; the readers. And, I wondered: would anyone send me information; so I could do this. Lots of questions; like: why does Mrs. Lemieux and Mrs. McKay and a few others allow themselves to be mentioned in the bulletins; thus creating the possibility of being teased by nutcases like me. Why does Teresa DeMarie continue to idolize Piper in print; thereby creating the possibility of suffering the ignominy of being teased by Lance Levine? Why does Marilyn Rundle write letters to AR and engage in fun feuds with the Jurze ? (Do I get to do that as well, I wonder?)

And then, of course, I went on and realized what fun I could perhaps have with this --and others, as well. Readers, I mean. So, there are a lot of details in Rasslin Riot (\$3 for 4 issues to Brian TRamel, 1806 Self Circle, Apt. #.B, Jonesboro, AR, 72401. Ask to start with issue #3) and, if I haven't been jettisoned from the staff and it still exists (I haven't seen one since August) details of the crazy contest aspect of this may be in Ringside Reflector (\$2 to J.D.McKay Jr., Route 2, Box 291, Louisville, MS. ,39339) .

Shucks, there's a column; if it don't get shrunk :

A short prayer; :

Lord, please allow Mrs. Lemieux to have this baby without complication; and that she/he be healthy and normal and that no bad effects arise. And, please, Lord, if it happens to be female, and Ron wants to name her Dump., please strike him with lightening!

Best wishes to Tom Robinson; Steve Beverley; a guy in San Jose and anyone else who ain't feeling too well.

Halloween Havocness

It looks like I was in the minority over Havoc. I just didn't feel it was such a good show. I'm still wondering what made people give it a better than average grade. I just finished reading the reviews by the staff of Pro Wrestling Torch (Love those envelopes Wade.) and although they gave the show a decent grade, most of their comments were negative. The reason I wasn't so thrilled with the finish of the main event was because this was the second big show in a row (last Clash) that they used a "double identity" gimmick. Remember the two Black Scorpions? I'll admit when I found out Sunday morning that the second Sting was Barry Windham, it peaked my interest. Time to "Ramble" on the show....That Scorpion stealing the girl gimmick was so hokey. It ranked right up there with the Robocop gimmick. I'm sure the idea came from the same man. I felt like I was at MGM Studios watching a scene from a film....Bobby Eaton looked super again as usual. His rocket launcher onto the runway was awesome. The opening match was very good and I was glad to see James E. have a bigger play on this card....I could have taken an hour nap through the next four bouts. Taylor-Irwin bored me to tears. It didn't help that Jack Brickhouse was talking about Tarzan Kowalski cutting off Yukon Eric's ear. He could have at least called him Killer Kowalski so more fans would have known who he was talking about....Irwin looks more like a local bully sans all the hair....Kudos for giving Brad Armstrong a surprise victory over J.W. Storm. The best I've seen J.W. but still only a * match....I didn't pay too much attention to Blasters-Southern Boys. I was too busy listening to Cornette and Paul E. tussle on the mic. When I replayed this match, I realized I made the right decision....by listening to the announcers....Freebird: -Youngbloods isn't even worth commenting on except the Indians looking worse than I've ever seen them....Time to wake up. The best match of the night. Steiners-Nasties. Did you see Scott spike Knobs into the mat with the Frankensteiner? Or Rick's chair shot to Saggs? These Steiners are double tough. (Thank you Jim Ross.) After seeing the Nasties so much in Florida this year, they'll be close in my ballot for most improved. The angle during Scott's interview was great but you noticed Scott ran out of things to say, and Jerry Saggs hadn't appeared yet....The Dog battle was just that, a dog. I wish JYD had kept the mask on. He looked like Boss Man's mother....Doom vs. Arn & Flair was good but something just didn't click for me....Great to see Hansen beat Luger, even if it's only for the short term as I expect Lex to regain it at STARCADDE. But what was the point of having Dan Spivey come out when the darn cowbell never came into play. It looked like it was supposed to but Hansen changed the rules. Soooo, why did Ross and Paul E say Spivey affected the outcome? How? Shouldn't they have changed their storyline too?....The NWA must have borrowed The Flash from CBS. He's the only one that could have tied Sting up in the 10 or 15 seconds him and Sid were back there....Wasn't that Lance Levine talking to his friend "Alex" at ringside?....Lots of hardcores seen in the crowd including Mr. Keller and John Henrickson with his woman by his side. But where was J.Z. Travis's woman? Okay Chi-Town gang. What does his Babe From Hell really look like?....I guess Cheryl summed it up best when she said to me, "You're always so excited about watching these PPVs and then while you watch, all you do is complain about the matches." My reply? My expectations are always so high, I'm guaranteed for a letdown. Who knows. Maybe I'm heading for that Black Hole that Jeff Bowdren talks about in his "Highspots" column in Torch. I sure hope not. (By the way Jeff, super column.) Sorry gang. Thumbs down brother!!!!

Correspondent's Corner

Bluefield Auditorium (NWA)

Bluefield, WV

October 10, 1990

Correspondent: Leonard Sims

1) Itallion Stallion pinned Buddy Landell. Told this was because Stallion gets some press here due to family relationships nearby. 2) Trucker Norm over Barry Horowitz. 3) Iron Sheik over Allan Iron Eagle. 4) Steve Armstrong & Ricky Morton defeated The Freebirds. 5) Lex Luger downed Sid Vicious via count out. 6) Sting pinned Black Scorpion. Att: 2,000 plus....a sellout.

Canton Civic Center (NWA)

Canton, OH

October 18, 1990

Correspondent: Greg Yarman

1) Norman pinned Dutch Mantell after a splash in the corner. Dud 2) Brad Armstrong beat The Stomper. Not sure who he was. Dud 3) Master Blasters over Tom Zenk & Tim Horner when Blasters double suplexed Horner. 4) Terry Taylor sunset flipped Buddy Landell. ** 5) Mike Rotunda beat J.W. Storm via DQ when Storm threw Mike over the top rope. Dud 6) Junkyard Dog over Dr. X. Worst match Greg has ever seen. -***** 7) Steiner Brothers beat Midnight Express in best bout of the night. Corny was hilarious. Rick hit Eaton with a super Steinerline which drew blood from Bobby's lip. Lots of action at the end. *** 8) Lex Luger pinned Sid Vicious after a false finish and Lex sneaks up on Sid and rolls him up. * Att: 1,300

Odenton Fire Hall (MAWA)

Odenton, MD

October 19, 1990

Correspondent: Bruce Ginevan

1) Beach Boy Vinnie over Rude Dog #1. 2) Sledgehammer McGill over Adrian Hall via DQ. Correction. Reverse that one. 3) Agent Orange pinned Live Wire. (Original names at least.) 4) Lords of Darkness beat Texas Long Horns. 5) Stevie Young beat Abdullah the Iraqi. The Butcher's nephew. 6) Warhawk beat Bob Witman. 7) Bounty Hunter Max Thorsher over Bubba Monroe. 8) A four corners tag team bash was won by the Lords of Darkness. Att: 220

Madison Square Garden (WWF)

New York, NY

October 19, 1990

Correspondent: Elyse Zois

1) Shane Douglas sunset flipped Brooklyn Brawler. 2) Warlord pinned Koko Ware. 3) Kerry Von Erich and Mr. Perfect were both counted out. The ref was supposed to get bumped from an Irish whip but he didn't go down so Kerry clotheslined him to get the job done. 4) Mike Sharpe used a foreign object in his elbow pad to defeat S.D. Jones. 5) Ted DiBiase over Dusty Rhodes via DQ when ref Danny Davis caught Dust hitting Ted with the timekeeper's bell. 6) Davey Boy Smith beat Haku. 7) Tugboat over Dino Bravo via DQ when Bravo wouldn't let Tugger back in the ring. 8) Hart Foundation beat Rhythm & Blues as Honkey was holding Bret and Valentine swung the guitar but nailed HTM. Bret got the pin.

Baltimore Arena (NWA)

Baltimore, MD

October 21, 1990

Correspondent: Bruce Ginevan

1) Brian Pillman sunset flipped Iron Sheik. D 2) Master Blasters over Southern Boys when Blade pinned Smothers. Blasters missed lots of moves. D 3) J.W. Storm pinned Tommy Rich after a hot shot. C 4) Steiners beat Nasty Boys in a good stiff brawl. Scott pinned Saggs. B 5) Sid Vicious clotheslined Junkyard Dog. Double Dud. 6) Lex Luger beat Stan Hansen via DQ when Stan hit the ref with his cowbell. D 7) Sting pinned Black Scorpion in 30 seconds. Who would want to watch this again at STARCADE? F- 8) Doom went to a double count out with Flair and Arn Anderson. Not bad but nothing special. C Att: 1,200

Wheeling Civic Center (WWF)

Wheeling, WV

October 22, 1990

Correspondent: John Lanigan

1) Ronnie Garvin beat Mike Sharpe in 11:48 with a roll up. C- 2) Dustin Rhodes bulldogged Black Bart in 11:39. C- 3) Sgt. Slaughter camel clutched Nikolai Volkoff in 3:13. D+ 4) Hacksaw Duggan beat Barbarian via count out at 9:40. Ref Joey Marella gave the ring attendant Barbie's antlers on top of his head. The headpiece went through his head and clunked on his shoulders knocking the kid off balance and he landed in a heap on the floor. C- 5) Battle Kat used a modified Thesz press to beat Pez Whatley at 8:38. D+ 6) Rockers beat Power & Glory via DQ at 8:43. Michaels looked like he hadn't been hurt. Marty came down on Roma with a fist drop but Herc broke it up with his chains for the DQ. B 7) Big Boss Man bubbaslammed Haku at 10:52. John's sidekick Steve Schonberger came up with a great line. Boss Man asked Haku where Heenan was and Steve replied, "He's on the banana phone with Jim Herd." C+ Att: 1,200

Meadowlands Arena (WWF)

E. Rutherford, NJ

October 26, 1990

Correspondent: Elyse Zois

1) Tito Santana pinned Black Demon. 2) Sgt. Slaughter atomic noogied (Copyright Dave Meltzer) Nic Volkoff. 3) Big Boss Man rolled up Barbarian after Barbie missed a corner charge. 4) Ronnie Garvin over Mike Sharpe. 5) Rockers beat Power & Glory via DQ. Same finish as previous card in Wheeling. 6) Dustin Rhodes bulldogged Black Bart. 7) Randy Savage beat Ultimate Warrior via count out when Randy hit Warrior with his sceptor. Att: 6,000

I.B.E.W. Hall (USWF)

Waltham, MA

October 27, 1990

Correspondent: Donny Laible

1) Mad Dog Richard over Ronnie DiMaria. 2) Bill Wilcox over Brian Buggle. 3) Robbie Ellis beat Perry Saturn. 4) Bruce Battalia downed Davey Jones. 5) Rocky Raymond pinned Bill Rossi. 6) Richard Byrne over Tony Ulysses. 6) Pa Orndorff piledrove Chris Duffy in the main event. Att: 400

Greensboro Coliseum (WWF)

Greensboro, NC

October 28, 1990

Correspondent: K.C. O'Connor

1) Davey Boy Smith powerslammed Haku. Legendary Ed Carpentier was the ref. 3/4* 2) Ron Garvin beat Jerry Price by submission. Dud 3) Tito Santana used a flying forearm to beat Brooklyn Brawler. -** 4) Dusty Rhodes pinned Ted DiBiase when Ted slammed into Virgil. Virgil threw Ted around after bout so maybe a turn is finally near. * 5) Ultimate Warrior pinned Randy Savage with his splash. Randy looked bad. -* 6) Big Boss Man beat Barbarian when he sunse-

flipped Barbie off a piledriver. * 7) Hart Foundation over Honkey & Valentine with the guitar finish again. ‡*

Letters To "AR"

Potpourri

I didn't realize how much I missed letters to you until they were back. I have one question for the ever popular Marilyn Rundle (formerly of New Paltz, now of Gardiner, NY), what fight? I don't remember, but then maybe I was hit in the head during the fight which is why I can't remember.

Look for a major push upcoming for Shane Douglas. He's got new music and is going to be the hot star of the winter. Sapphi is supposedly starting back on the road the end of the month. Legion of Doom are planning really incredible new costumes for Wrestlemania. Yes, it's time to start planning for L.A.. In fact, notice the new looks for such notables as the Rockers, Koko, Kerry Von Erich, Rick Martel, and even Mike McGuirk, it's the result of Bodyslam, a company owned by three friends of mine. Most of the guys are having their costumes done by them, and they are about to make their debut in the NWA with stuff for Tommy Rich and Scott Steiner.

Marianne Ryan
Chicago, IL

Ferkster

In re: "Cocktail Weenie" Leighton: The correct age is 97, not 67. But no grandchildren. I don't believe in breeding: I just like to go through the motions! Get a real columnist, you punk!

Ferk
Baltimore, MD

Art Barr

As you well know, Steve Schonberger and I work in the Criminal Courts of Allegheny County which encompasses Pittsburgh. When Art Barr was stated in the newsletters as being convicted of rape and just given probation, we knew something was wrong in the state of Oregon. Steve contacted the authorities in Oregon and discovered that Barr was convicted of sexual misconduct. That's a huge difference from rape. I'm not trying to steal any of Teresa's thunder away, but just to set the record straight in Beetlejuice's defense.

John Lanigan
McKeesport, PA

Arena Report Jr.

Congratulations on the addition to your family! One question, was the infant masked at birth? At least it was a normal "egg". Too bad STARCADE was moved from Florida. You could have debuted the youngest Stinger ever. Or Juicer if you pardon the bad taste. (RL- What bad taste? That's funny stuff. Seriously, having kids is a tough job that makes even Sensational Sherri scream. Come to think of it, she screams at everything. Another question, If the baby had been born in the back seat of your car, would you have had Marianne Ryan write a column or deliver the baby?

Once again, most joyous wishes on your happy celebration! Please don't name the kid Mean Gene. You'll stunt the development, not to mention premature balding.

Jeff Cohen
Great Neck, NY

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